

APRNs and authority to pronounce death and provide cause of death.

Minnesota statutes limit who can report the cause of death, but do not limit who can report a death.

Pronouncement or reporting of death

Minnesota statute 145.135 defines death by the Uniform Determination of Death Act (<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=145.135>). It provides that determination of death is to “be made in accordance with generally accepted medical standards”. APRNs should follow their facility or employer policies or protocols regarding who may pronounce death in that specific setting.

Signing of death certificates

Cause of death information for each death that occurs in Minnesota may be provided only by a physician, coroner, or medical examiner. Minnesota Administrative Rules Chapter 4601, Vital Statistics
<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/rules/?id=4601.1800>